

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF A CONSENT AND )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF AN</b>
<b>AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE IN )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>EXCEPTION TO THE</b>
<b>ASSIGNED SERVICE TERRITORY OF )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>ASSIGNED ELECTRIC</b>
<b>ANOTHER ELECTRIC SUPPLIER BETWEEN )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>SERVICE TERRITORY</b>
<b>NORTHWESTERN ENERGY AND DAKOTA )</b>	<b>)</b>	
<b>ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. )</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>EL03-021</b>

On June 16, 2003, NorthWestern Energy and Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. filed a "Consent and Agreement for Electric Service in Assigned Territory of Another Electric Supplier." Dakota Energy consents to NorthWestern providing service up to a maximum of 5 kW to a camper site and seasonal cabin with a maximum of 676 square feet to be used by Larry Picek or subsequent occupant and located at the following described property: the East Half (E 1/2) of the South Half (S 1/2) of the North Half (N 1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 24, Township 111N, Range 62W of the 5th Principal Meridian, Beadle County, South Dakota, except Lot H-2. The territory involved in this request is located along SD Highway 37 approximately one mile North of the City of Huron. Larry and Beth Picek have consented to this transfer.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of July 15, 2003, the Commission considered the matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the joint request.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-42 and 49-34A-55. Further, the Commission finds that NorthWestern may provide electrical service up to a maximum of 5 kW to a camper site and seasonal cabin with a maximum of 676 square feet to be used by Larry Picek or a subsequent occupant at the above described property. Electrical service provided by NorthWestern will avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and promote the efficient use and development of the electric systems of NorthWestern and Dakota Energy Cooperative, Inc. Further, the Commission finds that an exception to the assigned service territory is in the public interest and the request shall be granted. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of an exception to the assignment of service territory is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of July, 2003.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner